

# JORDANIAN QUANTUM ALGEBRA $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$ VIA CONTRACTION METHOD AND MAPPING

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## Abstract

Using the contraction procedure introduced by us in Ref. [20], we construct, in the first part of the present letter, the Jordanian quantum Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  which has a remarkably simple coalgebraic structure and contains the Jordanian Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(2))$ , obtained by Ohn, as a subalgebra. A nonlinear map between  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  and the classical  $sl(3)$  algebra is then established. In the second part, we give the higher dimensional Jordanian algebras  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$  for all  $N$ . The Universal  $\mathcal{R}_h$ -matrix of  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$  is also given.

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## 1 Introduction

It is well known that the enveloping Lie algebra  $\mathcal{U}(sl(N))$  has two quantizations: The first one called the *Drinfeld-Jimbo deformation* or the *standard quantum deformation* [1, 2] is quasi-triangular ( $\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R} \neq I$ ), whereas the second one called the *Jordanian deformation* or the *non-standard quantum deformation* [3] is triangular ( $\mathcal{R}_{21}\mathcal{R} = I$ ). A typical example of Jordanian quantum algebras was first introduced by Ohn [4]. In general, nonstandard quantum algebras are obtained by applying Drinfeld twist to the corresponding Lie algebras [5]. The twisting that produces an algebra isomorphic to the Ohn algebra [4] is found in [6, 7].

Recently, the twisting procedure was extensively employed to study a wide variety of Jordanian deformed algebras, such as  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$  algebras [8, 9, 10, 11], symplectic algebras

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$\mathcal{U}_h(sp(N))$  [12], orthogonal algebras  $\mathcal{U}_h(so(N))$  [13, 14, 15, 16] and orthosymplectic superalgebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(osp(1|2))$  [17, 18]. It appears from these studies that:

1. The non-standard quantum algebras have undeformed commutation relations;
2. The Jordanian deformation appear only in the coalgebraic structure;
3. The coproduct and the antipode maps have very complicated forms in comparison with the Drinfeld-Jimbo and the Ohn deformations.

To our knowledge, Jordanian quantum algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$  has been written explicitly, with a simple coalgebra, only for  $N = 2$  [4]. The main object of the present letter is to construct the Jordanian quantum algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  using the contraction procedure developed in [20] and the map studied in Refs. [20, 21]. The  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  algebra presented here has the following properties:

1. The Ohn algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(2))$  is included in our structure  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  in a natural way as a Hopf subalgebra and appear here from the longest root generators *i.e.* from  $e_3, f_3$  and their corresponding Cartan generator  $h_3$ ;
2. Our Jordanian deformed  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  algebra may be regarded as the dual Hopf algebra of the function algebra  $Fun_h(SL(3))$  studied in [22];
3. The present  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  algebra is endowed with a relatively simple coalgebra structure (as compared to previous studies [8, 9, 10, 11]).

Implementing our contraction technique we subsequently obtain higher dimensional Jordanian quantum algebras  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$  for arbitrary values of  $N$ .

This letter is organized as follows: The Jordanian quantum algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  is introduced via a nonlinear map and proved to be a Hopf algebra in section 2. The irreducible representations (irreps.) of  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  are also given. Higher dimensional algebras  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$ ,  $N \geq 4$  are presented in the sections 3 and 4.

## 2 $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$ : Map, Hopf Algebra, Irreps. and $\mathcal{R}_h$ -matrix

In this letter,  $h$  is an arbitrary complex number. It was proved in [20] that the  $\mathcal{R}_h$ -matrix of the Jordanian quantum algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  can be obtained from the  $\mathcal{R}_q$ -matrix associated to the Drinfeld-Jimbo quantum algebra  $\mathcal{U}_q(sl(3))$  through a specific contraction which is singular in the  $q \rightarrow 1$  limit. For the transformed matrix, the singularities, however, cancel yielding a well-defined construction. Here we assume the  $\mathcal{U}_q(sl(3))$  Hopf algebra to be well-known [23].

For brevity and simplicity we limit ourselves to (fundamental irrep.)  $\otimes$  (arbitrary irrep.). Recall that for  $\mathcal{U}_q(sl(3))$  algebra the  $R_q$ -matrix in the representation (fund.)  $\otimes$  (arb.) reads [23]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_q &= \left( \pi_{(fund.)} \otimes \pi_{(arb.)} \right) \mathcal{R}_q \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} q^{\frac{1}{3}(2h_1+h_2)} & q^{\frac{1}{3}(2h_1+h_2)} \Lambda_{12} & q^{\frac{1}{3}(2h_1+h_2)} \Lambda_{13} \\ 0 & q^{-\frac{1}{3}(h_1-h_2)} & q^{-\frac{1}{3}(h_1-h_2)} \Lambda_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & q^{-\frac{1}{3}(h_1+2h_2)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_{12} &= q^{-1/2}(q - q^{-1})q^{-h_1/2}\hat{f}_1, \\ \Lambda_{13} &= q^{-1/2}(q - q^{-1})\hat{f}_3q^{-\frac{1}{2}(h_1+h_2)}, \\ \Lambda_{23} &= q^{-1/2}(q - q^{-1})q^{-h_2/2}\hat{f}_2.\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

The elements  $k_1^{\pm 1} = q^{\pm h_1}$ ,  $k_2^{\pm 1} = q^{\pm h_2}$ ,  $k_3^{\pm 1} = q^{\pm h_3} = q^{\pm(h_1+h_2)}$ ,  $\hat{e}_1$ ,  $\hat{e}_2$ ,  $\hat{e}_3 = \hat{e}_1\hat{e}_2 - q^{-1}\hat{e}_2\hat{e}_1$ ,  $\hat{f}_1$ ,  $\hat{f}_2$  and  $\hat{f}_3 = \hat{f}_2\hat{f}_1 - q\hat{f}_1\hat{f}_2$  are the  $\mathcal{U}_q(sl(3))$  generators. The corresponding classical generators are denoted by  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ ,  $h_3 = h_1 + h_2$ ,  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$ ,  $e_3 = e_1e_2 - e_2e_1$ ,  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and  $f_3 = f_2f_1 - f_1f_2$ .

We have shown in [20] that the nonstandard  $R_{\hbar}$ -matrix (in the representation (fund.)  $\otimes$  (arb.)) arise from the  $R_q$ -matrix (in (fund.)  $\otimes$  (arb.)) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}R_{\hbar} &= \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \left[ E_q \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right)_{(fund.)} \otimes E_q \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right)_{(arb.)} \right]^{-1} R_q \left[ E_q \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right)_{(fund.)} \otimes E_q \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right)_{(arb.)} \right] \\ &= \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \begin{pmatrix} E_q^{-1} \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right) & 0 & -\frac{\hbar}{q-1} E_q^{-1} \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right) \\ 0 & E_q^{-1} \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_q^{-1} \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right) \end{pmatrix} R_q \begin{pmatrix} E_q \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right) & 0 & \frac{\hbar}{q-1} E_q \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right) \\ 0 & E_q \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_q \left( \frac{\hbar \hat{e}_3}{q-1} \right) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} T & 2\hbar T^{-1/2}e_2 & -\frac{\hbar}{2}(T + T^{-1})(h_1 + h_2) + \frac{\hbar}{2}(T - T^{-1}) \\ 0 & I & -2\hbar T^{1/2}e_1 \\ 0 & 0 & T^{-1} \end{pmatrix},\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

where

$$T = \hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}, \quad T^{-1} = -\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}.\tag{4}$$

The deformed exponential in (3) is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}E_q(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{[n]!}, \\ [n] &= \frac{q^n - q^{-n}}{q - q^{-1}}, \quad [n]! = [n] \times [n-1]!, \quad [0]! = 1.\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

The following properties can be pointed out:

**1.** The corner elements of (3) have exactly the same structure as in the  $R_{\hbar}$ -matrix of  $\mathcal{U}_{\hbar}(sl(2))$ . This implies that the classical generators  $e_3$ ,  $h_3 = h_1 + h_2$  and  $f_3$  of  $\mathcal{U}(sl(3))$  are deformed (for the nonstandard quantization:  $\mathcal{U}(sl(3)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\hbar}(sl(3))$ ) as follows [20, 21]:

$$\begin{aligned}T &= \hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}, & T^{-1} &= -\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}, \\ H_3 &= \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_3, & F_3 &= f_3 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} e_3 (h_3^2 - 1),\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

and evidently satisfy the commutation relations [4]

$$\begin{aligned}
TT^{-1} &= T^{-1}T = 1, \\
[H_3, T] &= T^2 - 1, & [H_3, T^{-1}] &= T^{-2} - 1, \\
[T, F_3] &= \frac{\hbar}{2} \left( H_3 T + T H_3 \right), & [T^{-1}, F_3] &= -\frac{\hbar}{2} \left( H_3 T^{-1} + T^{-1} H_3 \right), \\
[H_3, F_3] &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( T F_3 + F_3 T + T^{-1} F_3 + F_3 T^{-1} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

With the following definition (see Ref. [4])

$$E_3 = \hbar^{-1} \ln T = \hbar^{-1} \operatorname{arcsinh} \hbar e_3, \tag{8}$$

it follows that the elements  $H_3$ ,  $E_3$  and  $F_3$  satisfy the relations

$$\begin{aligned}
[H_3, E_3] &= 2 \frac{\sinh \hbar E_3}{\hbar}, \\
[H_3, F_3] &= -F_3 \left( \cosh \hbar E_3 \right) - \left( \cosh \hbar E_3 \right) F_3, \\
[E_3, F_3] &= H_3,
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where it is obvious that as  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $(H_3, E_3, F_3) \rightarrow (h_3, e_3, f_3)$ . It is now evident from (7) that  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(2)) \subset \mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3))$ .

**2.** The expression (3) of the  $R_\hbar$ -matrix indicates that the simple root generators  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are deformed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_1 &= \sqrt{\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}} e_1 = T^{1/2} e_1, \\
E_2 &= \sqrt{\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}} e_2 = T^{1/2} e_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

To complete our  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3))$  algebra, we introduce the following  $\hbar$ -deformed generators:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1 &= \sqrt{-\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}} f_1 + \frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}} e_2 h_3 = T^{-1/2} \left( f_1 + \frac{\hbar}{2} e_2 T h_3 \right), \\
F_2 &= \sqrt{-\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}} f_2 - \frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}} e_1 h_3 = T^{-1/2} \left( f_2 - \frac{\hbar}{2} e_1 T h_3 \right), \\
H_1 &= \left( -\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} \right) \left( \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_1 + \frac{\hbar}{2} e_3 (h_1 - h_2) \right) = h_1 - \frac{\hbar}{2} e_3 T^{-1} h_3, \\
H_2 &= \left( -\hbar e_3 + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} \right) \left( \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_2 - \frac{\hbar}{2} e_3 (h_1 - h_2) \right) = h_2 - \frac{\hbar}{2} e_3 T^{-1} h_3.
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

The expressions (6), (10) and (11) constitute a realization of the Jordanian algebra  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3))$  with the classical generators via a nonlinear map. This immediately yields the irreducible representations (irreps.) of  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3))$  in an explicit and simple manner.

**Proposition 1** *The Jordanian algebra  $\mathcal{U}_{\hbar}(sl(3))$  is an associative algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  generated by  $H_1, H_2, H_3, E_1, E_2, T, T^{-1}, F_1, F_2$  and  $F_3$ , satisfying, along with (7), the commutation relations*

$$\begin{aligned}
[H_1, H_2] &= 0, & [H_1, T^{-1}H_3] &= [H_2, T^{-1}H_3] = 0, \\
[H_1, E_1] &= 2E_1, & [H_2, E_2] &= 2E_2, \\
[H_1, E_2] &= -E_2, & [H_2, E_1] &= -E_1, \\
[T^{-1}H_3, E_1] &= E_1, & [T^{-1}H_3, E_2] &= E_2, \\
[H_1, F_1] &= -2F_1 + \hbar E_2 T^{-1}H_3, & [H_2, F_2] &= -2F_2 - \hbar E_1 T^{-1}H_3, \\
[H_1, F_2] &= F_2 - \hbar E_1 T^{-1}H_3, & [H_2, F_1] &= F_1 + \hbar E_2 T^{-1}H_3, \\
[TH_3, F_1] &= -T^2 F_1, & [TH_3, F_2] &= -T^2 F_2, \\
[T^{-1}E_1, F_1] &= \frac{1}{2}(T + T^{-1})H_1 + \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})H_2, \\
[T^{-1}E_2, F_2] &= \frac{1}{2}(T + T^{-1})H_2 + \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})H_1, \\
[T^{-1}E_1, F_2] &= 0, & [T^{-1}E_2, F_1] &= 0, \\
[E_1, E_2] &= \frac{1}{2\hbar}(T^2 - 1), \\
[TF_2, TF_1] &= T\left(F_3 - \frac{\hbar}{2}H_3TH_3 - \frac{\hbar}{8}(T - T^{-1})\right) \\
[TH_1, T] &= \frac{1}{2}(T^2 - 1), & [TH_1, T^{-1}] &= \frac{1}{2}(T^{-2} - 1), \\
[TH_2, T] &= \frac{1}{2}(T^2 - 1), & [TH_2, T^{-1}] &= \frac{1}{2}(T^{-2} - 1), \\
[H_1, F_3] &= -\frac{T^{-1}}{4}\left(TF_3 + F_3T + T^{-1}F_3 + F_3T^{-1}\right) - \frac{\hbar}{4}T^{-1}H_3^2 - \frac{\hbar}{4}H_3T^{-1}H_3, \\
[H_2, F_3] &= -\frac{T^{-1}}{4}\left(TF_3 + F_3T + T^{-1}F_3 + F_3T^{-1}\right) - \frac{\hbar}{4}T^{-1}H_3^2 - \frac{\hbar}{4}H_3T^{-1}H_3, \\
[E_1, T] &= [E_1, T^{-1}] = [E_2, T] = [E_2, T^{-1}] = 0, \\
[F_1, T] &= \hbar TE_2, & [F_1, T^{-1}] &= -\hbar T^{-1}E_2, \\
[F_2, T] &= -\hbar TE_1, & [F_2, T^{-1}] &= \hbar T^{-1}E_1, \\
[E_1, F_3] &= -\frac{1}{2}\left(TF_2 + F_2T\right), & [E_2, F_3] &= \frac{1}{2}\left(TF_1 + F_1T\right), \\
[F_1, F_3] &= \hbar TF_1 - \hbar E_2F_3 + \frac{\hbar^2}{4}TE_2, \\
[F_2, F_3] &= \hbar TF_2 + \hbar E_1F_3 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4}TE_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Here we quoted only the final results. To obtain the realizations of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  given in (11), we, in analogy with (6), started with the ansatz  $\sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}h_1$  and  $\sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2}h_2$  for these

generators respectively. It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned}
[\sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_1, F_3] &= -\frac{1}{4} \left( T F_3 + F_3 T + T^{-1} F_3 + F_3 T^{-1} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \left( e_3(h_1 - h_2) H_3 + H_3 e_3(h_1 - h_2) \right), \\
[\sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_2, F_3] &= -\frac{1}{4} \left( T F_3 + F_3 T + T^{-1} F_3 + F_3 T^{-1} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} \left( e_3(h_1 - h_2) H_3 + H_3 e_3(h_1 - h_2) \right). \tag{13}
\end{aligned}$$

Then, if we add to  $\sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_1$  and deduct from  $\sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_2$  the term  $\frac{\hbar}{2} e_3(h_1 - h_2)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
[(\sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_1 + \frac{\hbar}{2} e_3(h_1 - h_2)), F_3] &= -\frac{1}{4} \left( T F_3 + F_3 T + T^{-1} F_3 + F_3 T^{-1} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\hbar}{4} T(h_1 - h_2) H_3 + \frac{\hbar}{4} H_3 T(h_1 - h_2), \\
[(\sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_2 - \frac{\hbar}{2} e_3(h_1 - h_2)), F_3] &= -\frac{1}{4} \left( T F_3 + F_3 T + T^{-1} F_3 + F_3 T^{-1} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\hbar}{4} T(h_1 - h_2) H_3 - \frac{\hbar}{4} H_3 T(h_1 - h_2). \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$

These commutation relations suggest the realizations  $H_1 \sim \left( \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_1 + \frac{\hbar}{2} e_3(h_1 - h_2) \right)$  and  $H_2 \sim \left( \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_3^2} h_2 - \frac{\hbar}{2} e_3(h_1 - h_2) \right)$ . Finally, to preserve the Cartan subalgebra, we are obliged to multiply both of these expressions by  $T^{-1}$ . The resultant maps for  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are quoted in (11). The expressions of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are obtained in a similar way. The expressions (6), (10) and (11) may be looked now as a particular realization of the  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3))$  generators. Other maps may also be considered.

**Proposition 2** *In terms of the Chevalley generators (simple roots)  $\{E_1, E_2, F_1, F_2, H_1, H_2\}$ , the algebra  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3))$  is defined as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \left( 1 + 2\hbar[E_1, E_2] \right)^{1/2}, & T^{-1} &= \left( 1 + 2\hbar[E_1, E_2] \right)^{-1/2}, \\
[H_1, H_2] &= 0, \\
[H_1, E_1] &= 2E_1, & [H_2, E_2] &= 2E_2, \\
[H_1, E_2] &= -E_2, & [H_2, E_1] &= -E_1, \\
[H_1, F_1] &= -2F_1 + \hbar E_2(H_1 + H_2), & [H_2, F_2] &= -2F_2 - \hbar E_1(H_1 + H_2), \\
[H_1, F_2] &= F_2 - \hbar E_1(H_1 + H_2), & [H_2, F_1] &= F_1 + \hbar E_2(H_1 + H_2), \\
[T^{-1}E_1, F_1] &= \frac{1}{2}(T + T^{-1})H_1 + \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})H_2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[T^{-1}E_2, F_2] &= \frac{1}{2}(T + T^{-1})H_2 + \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})H_1, \\
[T^{-1}E_1, F_2] &= [T^{-1}E_2, F_1] = 0, \\
E_1^2E_2 - 2E_1E_2E_1 + E_2E_1^2 &= 0, \\
E_2^2E_1 - 2E_2E_1E_2 + E_1E_2^2 &= 0, \\
(TF_1)^2TF_2 - 2TF_1TF_2TF_1 + TF_2(TF_1)^2 &= 0, \\
(TF_2)^2TF_1 - 2TF_2TF_1TF_2 + TF_1(TF_2)^2 &= 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

or, briefly

$$\begin{aligned}
[H_i, H_j] &= 0, \\
[H_i, E_j] &= a_{ij}E_j, & [H_i, F_j] &= -a_{ij}F_j + T^{-1}[F_j, T](H_1 + H_2), \\
[T^{-1}E_i, F_j] &= \delta_{ij}\left(T^{-1}H_i + \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})(H_1 + H_2)\right), \\
(ad E_i)^{1-a_{ij}}(E_j) &= 0, & i &\neq j, \\
(ad TF_i)^{1-a_{ij}}(TF_j) &= 0, & i &\neq j,
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

where  $(a_{ij})_{i,j=1,2}$  is the Cartan matrix of  $sl(3)$ , i.e.  $a_{11} = a_{22} = 2$  and  $a_{12} = a_{21} = -1$ .

**3.** We now turn to the coalgebraic structure:

**Proposition 3** *The Jordanian quantum algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  admits a Hopf structure with coproducts, antipodes and counits determined by*

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(E_1) &= E_1 \otimes 1 + T \otimes E_1, \\
\Delta(E_2) &= E_2 \otimes 1 + T \otimes E_2, \\
\Delta(T) &= T \otimes T, & \Delta(T^{-1}) &= T^{-1} \otimes T^{-1}, \\
\Delta(F_1) &= F_1 \otimes 1 + T^{-1} \otimes F_1 + \hbar H_3 \otimes E_2 \\
&= F_1 \otimes 1 + T^{-1} \otimes F_1 + T(H_1 + H_2) \otimes T^{-1}[F_1, T], \\
\Delta(F_2) &= F_2 \otimes 1 + T^{-1} \otimes F_2 - \hbar H_3 \otimes E_1 \\
&= F_2 \otimes 1 + T^{-1} \otimes F_2 + T(H_1 + H_2) \otimes T^{-1}[F_2, T], \\
\Delta(F_3) &= F_3 \otimes T + T^{-1} \otimes F_3, \\
\Delta(H_1) &= H_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 - T^{-2}) \otimes T^{-1}H_3 \\
&= H_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 - T^{-2}) \otimes (H_1 + H_2), \\
\Delta(H_2) &= H_2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_2 - \frac{1}{2}(1 - T^{-2}) \otimes T^{-1}H_3 \\
&= H_2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_2 - \frac{1}{2}(1 - T^{-2}) \otimes (H_1 + H_2), \\
\Delta(H_3) &= H_3 \otimes T + T^{-1} \otimes H_3,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S(E_1) &= -T^{-1}E_1, & S(E_2) &= -T^{-1}E_2, \\
S(T) &= T^{-1}, & S(T^{-1}) &= T, \\
S(F_1) &= -TF_1 + \hbar TH_3T^{-1}E_2 = -TF_1 + T^2(H_1 + H_2)T^{-2}[F_1, T], \\
S(F_2) &= -TF_2 - \hbar TH_3T^{-1}E_1 = -TF_2 + T^2(H_1 + H_2)T^{-2}[F_2, T], \\
S(F_3) &= -TF_3T^{-1}, \\
S(H_1) &= -H_1 - \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})H_3 = -H_1 - \frac{1}{2}(T^2 - 1)(H_1 + H_2), \\
S(H_2) &= -H_2 - \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})H_3 = -H_2 - \frac{1}{2}(T^2 - 1)(H_1 + H_2), \\
S(H_3) &= -TH_3T^{-1}, \\
\epsilon(a) &= 0, \quad \forall a \in \left\{ H_1, H_2, H_3, E_1, E_2, F_1, F_2, F_3 \right\}, \\
\epsilon(T) &= \epsilon(T^{-1}) = 1.
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

All the Hopf algebra axioms can be verified by direct calculations. Let us remark that our coproducts have simpler forms as compared to Refs. [8, 9, 10, 11].

**Proposition 4** *The universal  $\mathcal{R}_\hbar$ -matrix has the following form:*

$$\mathcal{R}_\hbar = \mathcal{F}_{21}^{-1} \mathcal{F}, \tag{18}$$

where

$$\mathcal{F} = \exp\left(\hbar TH_3 \otimes E_3\right) \exp\left(2\hbar TE_1 \otimes T^{-2}E_2\right). \tag{19}$$

The  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix properties are verified using MAPLE. The element (18) coincides with the universal  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix of the Borel subalgebra and gives exactly the expression (3) in the representation (fund.)  $\otimes$  (arb.).

**4.** Following Drinfeld's arguments [5], it is possible to construct a twist operator  $G \in \mathcal{U}(sl(3))^{\otimes 2}[[\hbar]]$  relating the Jordanian coalgebraic structure given by (17) with the corresponding classical coalgebraic structure. For an invertible map  $m : \mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3)) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(sl(3))$ ,  $m^{-1} : \mathcal{U}(sl(3)) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3))$ , the following relations hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
(m \otimes m) \circ \Delta \circ m^{-1}(\mathcal{X}) &= G\Delta_0(\mathcal{X})G^{-1}, \\
m \circ S \circ m^{-1}(\mathcal{X}) &= gS_0(\mathcal{X})g^{-1},
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{U}(sl(3))[[\hbar]]$  and  $(\Delta_0, \epsilon_0, S_0)$  are the coproduct, counit and the antipode maps of the classical  $\mathcal{U}(sl(3))$  algebra. The transforming operator  $g(\in \mathcal{U}(sl(3))[[\hbar]])$  and its inverse may be expressed as

$$g = \mu \circ (\text{id} \otimes S_0)G, \quad g^{-1} = \mu \circ (S_0 \otimes \text{id})G^{-1}, \tag{21}$$

where  $\mu$  is the multiplication map.



For the map presented here in (6), (10) and (11), we have the construction

$$\begin{aligned}
G = & 1 \otimes 1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{h}\hat{r} + \frac{1}{8}\mathbf{h}^2\left[\hat{r}^2 + 2(e_3 \otimes e_3)\Delta_0(h_3)\right] \\
& - \frac{1}{48}\mathbf{h}^3\left[\hat{r}^3 + 6(e_3 \otimes e_3)\Delta_0(h_3)\hat{r} - 4(\Delta_0(e_3))^2\hat{r}\right] \\
& + \frac{1}{384}\mathbf{h}^4\left[\hat{r}^4 - 16(\Delta_0(e_3))^2\hat{r}^2 + 12(e_3 \otimes e_3)\Delta_0(h_3)\hat{r}^2 + 12((e_3 \otimes e_3)\Delta_0(h_3))^2\right. \\
& + 6(e_3^2 \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes e_3^2)^2\Delta_0(h_3) + 12(\Delta_0(e_3))^2(e_3^2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes e_3^2)\Delta_0(h_3) \\
& \left. - 8\Delta_0(e_3)(e_3^3 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes e_3^3)\Delta_0(h_3) - 10(\Delta_0(e_3))^4\Delta_0(h_3)\right] + O(\mathbf{h}^5), \\
g = & 1 + \mathbf{h}e_3(1 + \mathbf{h}^2e_3^2)^{1/2} + \mathbf{h}^2e_3^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

where  $\hat{r} = h_3 \otimes e_3 - e_3 \otimes h_3$ . The above twist operators, while obeying the requirement (20) for the full  $\mathcal{U}(sl(3))[[\mathbf{h}]]$  algebra, are, however, generated only by the elements  $(e_3, h_3)$ , related to the longest root. This property accounts for the embedding of the  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathbf{h}}(sl(2))$  algebra in the higher dimensional  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathbf{h}}(sl(3))$  algebra. The transforming operator  $g$  is obtained in (22) in a closed form. The series expansion of the twist operator  $G$  may be developed upto an arbitrary order in  $\mathbf{h}$ . The expansion (22) of the twist operator  $G$  in powers of  $\mathbf{h}$  satisfies the cocycle condition

$$(1 \otimes G)(\text{id} \otimes \Delta_0)G = (G \otimes 1)(\Delta_0 \otimes \text{id})G \tag{23}$$

upto the desired order. The present discussion of the twist operator relating to the  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathbf{h}}(sl(3))$  algebra may be easily extended to higher dimensional Jordanian algebras. (A systematic study of twists for  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathbf{h}}(sl(2))$  can be found in [21]).

**5.** Let us mention that there is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra automorphism  $\phi$  of  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathbf{h}}(sl(3))$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(T^{\pm 1}) &= T^{\pm 1}, & \phi(F_3) &= F_3, & \phi(H_3) &= H_3, \\
\phi(E_1) &= E_2, & \phi(F_1) &= F_2, & \phi(H_1) &= H_2, \\
\phi(E_2) &= -E_1, & \phi(F_2) &= -F_1, & \phi(H_2) &= H_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

(For  $\mathbf{h} = 0$ , this automorphism reduces to the classical one  $(h_1, e_1, f_1, h_2, e_2, f_2) \longrightarrow (h_2, e_2, f_2, h_1, -e_1, -f_1)$ ). Also there is a second  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra automorphism  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathbf{h}}(sl(3))$  defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(T^{\pm 1}) &= -T^{\pm 1}, & \varphi(F_3) &= -F_3, & \varphi(H_3) &= -H_3, \\
\varphi(E_1) &= E_1, & \varphi(F_1) &= F_1, & \varphi(H_1) &= H_1, \\
\varphi(E_2) &= E_2, & \varphi(F_2) &= F_2, & \varphi(H_2) &= H_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

**6.** The expressions (6), (10) and (11) permit immediate explicit construction of the finite-dimensional irreducible representations of  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathbf{h}}(sl(3))$ . For example, the three-dimensional irreducible representations are spanned by

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{\mathbf{h}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{\mathbf{h}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{\hbar}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & E_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & F_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\hbar}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
H_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & T^{\pm 1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \pm \hbar \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & F_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},
\end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

or, by

$$\begin{aligned}
H_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{\hbar}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & E_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & F_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{\hbar}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
H_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{\hbar}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & E_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & F_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\hbar}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
H_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & T^{\pm 1} &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & \mp \hbar \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & F_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

The three-irrep. (27) is simply obtained from the irrep. (26) using the automorphism  $\varphi$ . The irrep. (27) has evidently no classical ( $\hbar = 0$ ) limit.

### 3 $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(4))$ : Map and $\mathcal{R}_\hbar$ -matrix

The major interest of our approach is that it can be generalized for obtaining Jordanian quantum algebras  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(N))$  of higher dimensions. Here we illustrate our method using  $\mathcal{U}(sl(4))$  as an example. Let  $h_1 = e_{11} - e_{22} \equiv h_{12}$ ,  $h_2 = e_{22} - e_{33} \equiv h_{23}$ ,  $h_3 = e_{33} - e_{44} \equiv h_{34}$ ,  $e_1 \equiv e_{12}$ ,  $e_2 \equiv e_{23}$ ,  $e_3 \equiv e_{34}$ ,  $f_1 \equiv e_{21}$ ,  $f_2 \equiv e_{32}$  and  $f_3 \equiv e_{43}$  be the standard Chevalley generators (simple roots) of  $\mathcal{U}(sl(4))$ . The others roots obtained by action of the Weyl group are denoted by  $e_{13} = [e_{12}, e_{23}]$ ,  $e_{14} = [e_{13}, e_{34}]$ ,  $e_{24} = [e_{23}, e_{34}]$ ,  $e_{31} = [e_{32}, e_{21}]$ ,  $e_{41} = [e_{43}, e_{31}]$ ,  $e_{42} = [e_{43}, e_{32}]$ ,  $h_{13} = h_{12} + h_{23}$ ,  $h_{14} = h_{12} + h_{23} + h_{34}$  and  $h_{24} = h_{23} + h_{34}$ . As for  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(3))$ , the Jordanian deformation arises here from the longest roots, i.e. from  $e_{14}$ ,  $e_{41}$  and  $h_{14}$ . These generators are deformed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \hbar e_{14} + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_{14}^2}, & T^{-1} &= -\hbar e_{14} + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_{14}^2}, \\
E_{41} &= e_{41} - \frac{\hbar^2}{4} e_{14} (h_{14}^2 - 1), & H_{14} &= \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2 e_{14}^2} h_{14},
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

with the well-known coproducts

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(T) &= T \otimes T, & \Delta(T^{-1}) &= T^{-1} \otimes T^{-1}, \\
\Delta(E_{41}) &= E_{41} \otimes T + T^{-1} \otimes E_{41}, \\
\Delta(H_{14}) &= H_{14} \otimes T + T^{-1} \otimes H_{14}.
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

By analogy with what is happen in  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(3))$  algebra, the subsets  $\{h_{12}, e_{12}, e_{21}, e_{24}, e_{42}, h_{24} = h_{23} + h_{34}, e_{14}, e_{41}, h_{14} = h_{12} + h_{23} + h_{34}\}$  and  $\{h_{13} = h_{12} + h_{23}, e_{13}, e_{31}, e_{34}, e_{43}, h_{34}, e_{14}, e_{41}, h_{14} = h_{12} + h_{23} + h_{34}\}$ <sup>6</sup> are deformed exactly as presented above (see (10) and (11)), i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{12} &= \sqrt{he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{12} = T^{1/2} e_{12}, \\
E_{24} &= \sqrt{he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{24} = T^{1/2} e_{24}, \\
E_{21} &= \sqrt{-he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{21} + \frac{h}{2} \sqrt{he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{24} h_{14} = T^{-1/2} \left( e_{21} + \frac{h}{2} T e_{24} h_{14} \right), \\
E_{42} &= \sqrt{-he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{42} - \frac{h}{2} \sqrt{he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{12} h_{14} = T^{-1/2} \left( e_{42} - \frac{h}{2} T e_{12} h_{14} \right), \\
H_{12} &= \left( -he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2} \right) \left( \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2} h_{12} + \frac{h}{2} e_{14} (h_{12} - h_{24}) \right) = h_{12} - \frac{h}{2} e_{14} T^{-1} h_{14}, \\
H_{24} &= \left( -he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2} \right) \left( \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2} h_{24} - \frac{h}{2} e_{14} (h_{12} - h_{24}) \right) = h_{24} - \frac{h}{2} e_{14} T^{-1} h_{14} \quad (30)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{13} &= \sqrt{he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{13} = T^{1/2} e_{13}, \\
E_{34} &= \sqrt{he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{34} = T^{1/2} e_{34}, \\
E_{31} &= \sqrt{-he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{31} + \frac{h}{2} \sqrt{he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{34} h_{14} = T^{-1/2} \left( e_{31} + \frac{h}{2} e_{34} h_{14} \right), \\
E_{43} &= \sqrt{-he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{43} - \frac{h}{2} \sqrt{he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2}} e_{13} h_{14} = T^{-1/2} \left( e_{43} - \frac{h}{2} e_{13} h_{14} \right), \\
H_{13} &= \left( -he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2} \right) \left( \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2} h_{13} + \frac{h}{2} e_{14} (h_{13} - h_{34}) \right) = h_{13} - \frac{h}{2} e_{14} T^{-1} h_{14}, \\
H_{34} &= \left( -he_{14} + \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2} \right) \left( \sqrt{1 + h^2 e_{14}^2} h_{34} - \frac{h}{2} e_{14} (h_{13} - h_{34}) \right) = h_{34} - \frac{h}{2} e_{14} T^{-1} h_{14} \quad (31)
\end{aligned}$$

The elements  $E_{23}$ ,  $E_{32}$  and  $H_{23}$  are obtained after analyzing the commutators  $[E_{24}, E_{43}]$  and  $[E_{34}, E_{42}]$ . It is simple to see that these elements remain undeformed, i.e.

$$E_{23} = e_{23}, \quad E_{32} = e_{32}, \quad H_{23} = h_{23}. \quad (32)$$

It is now easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{23} + H_{34} &= H_{24}, & [E_{12}, E_{23}] &= E_{13}, & [E_{32}, E_{21}] &= E_{31}, \\
H_{12} + H_{23} &= H_{13}, & [E_{23}, E_{34}] &= E_{24}, & [E_{43}, E_{32}] &= E_{42}.
\end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

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<sup>6</sup>Each subsets forms a  $\mathcal{U}(sl(3))$  subalgebra in  $\mathcal{U}(sl(4))$ .

**Proposition 5** *The generating elements  $H_1 \equiv H_{12}$ ,  $H_2 \equiv H_{23}$ ,  $H_3 \equiv H_{34}$ ,  $E_1 \equiv E_{12}$ ,  $E_2 \equiv E_{23}$ ,  $E_3 \equiv E_{34}$ ,  $F_1 \equiv E_{21}$ ,  $F_2 \equiv E_{32}$ ,  $F_3 \equiv E_{43}$  of the Jordanian quantum algebra  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(4))$  obey the following commutations rules:*

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \left(1 + 2h[E_1, [E_2, E_3]]\right)^{1/2}, & T^{-1} &= \left(1 + 2h[E_1, [E_2, E_3]]\right)^{-1/2}, \\
[H_1, H_2] &= [H_1, H_3] = [H_2, H_3] = 0, \\
[H_1, E_1] &= 2E_1, & [H_1, E_2] &= -E_2, & [H_1, E_3] &= 0, \\
[H_2, E_1] &= -E_1, & [H_2, E_2] &= 2E_2, & [H_2, E_3] &= -E_3, \\
[H_3, E_1] &= 0, & [H_3, E_2] &= -E_2, & [H_3, E_3] &= 2E_3, \\
[H_1, F_1] &= -2F_1 + T^{-1}[F_1, T](H_1 + H_2 + H_3), & [H_1, F_2] &= F_2, \\
[H_1, F_3] &= T^{-1}[F_3, T](H_1 + H_2 + H_3), \\
[H_2, F_1] &= F_1, & [H_2, F_2] &= -2F_2, & [H_2, F_3] &= F_3, \\
[H_3, F_1] &= T^{-1}[F_1, T](H_1 + H_2 + H_3), & [H_3, F_2] &= F_2, \\
[H_3, F_3] &= -2F_3 + T^{-1}[F_3, T](H_1 + H_2 + H_3), \\
[T^{-1}E_1, F_1] &= T^{-1}H_1 + \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})(H_1 + H_2 + H_3), \\
[E_2, F_2] &= H_2, \\
[T^{-1}E_3, F_3] &= T^{-1}H_3 + \frac{1}{2}(T - T^{-1})(H_1 + H_2 + H_3), \\
[T^{-1}E_1, F_2] &= [T^{-1}E_1, F_3] = 0, \\
[E_2, F_1] &= [E_2, F_3] = 0, \\
[T^{-1}E_3, F_1] &= [T^{-1}E_3, F_2] = 0, \\
[E_1, E_3] &= [TF_1, TF_3] = 0, \\
E_1^2E_2 - 2E_1E_2E_1 + E_2E_1^2 &= 0, & E_1E_2^2 - 2E_2E_1E_2 + E_2^2E_1 &= 0, \\
E_2^2E_3 - 2E_2E_3E_2 + E_3E_2^2 &= 0, & E_2E_3^2 - 2E_3E_2E_3 + E_3^2E_2 &= 0, \\
(TF_1)^2F_2 - 2TF_1F_2TF_1 + F_2(TF_1)^2 &= 0, & TF_1F_2^2 - 2F_2TF_1F_2 + F_2^2TF_1 &= 0, \\
(TF_3)^2F_2 - 2TF_3F_2TF_3 + F_2(TF_3)^2 &= 0, & F_2^2TF_3 - 2F_2TF_3F_2 + TF_3F_2^2 &= 0, \quad (34)
\end{aligned}$$

or, briefly,

$$\begin{aligned}
[H_i, H_j] &= 0, \\
[H_i, E_j] &= a_{ij}E_j, \\
[H_i, F_j] &= -a_{ij}F_j + (\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i3})T^{-1}[F_j, T](H_1 + H_2 + H_3), \\
[T^{-(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i3})}E_i, F_j] &= \delta_{ij} \left( T^{-(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i3})}H_i + \frac{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i3})}{2}(T - T^{-1})(H_1 + H_2 + H_3) \right), \\
[E_i, E_j] &= [T^{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i3})}F_i, T^{(\delta_{j1} + \delta_{j3})}F_j] = 0, & |i - j| &> 1, \\
(ad E_i)^{1-a_{ij}}(E_j) &= 0, & (i \neq j), \\
(ad T^{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i3})}F_i)^{1-a_{ij}}(T^{(\delta_{j1} + \delta_{j3})}F_j) &= 0, & (i \neq j), \quad (35)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $(a_{ij})_{i,j=1,2,3}$  is the Cartan matrix of  $sl(4)$ .

**Proposition 6** *The non-cocommutative coproduct structure of  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(4))$  reads:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(E_1) &= E_1 \otimes 1 + T \otimes E_1, \\
\Delta(E_2) &= E_2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes E_2, \\
\Delta(E_3) &= E_3 \otimes 1 + T \otimes E_3, \\
\Delta(F_1) &= F_1 \otimes 1 + T^{-1} \otimes F_1 + (H_1 + H_2 + H_3) \otimes T^{-1}[F_1, T], \\
\Delta(F_2) &= F_2 \otimes 1 + T^{-1} \otimes F_2, \\
\Delta(F_3) &= F_3 \otimes 1 + T^{-1} \otimes F_3 + (H_1 + H_2 + H_3) \otimes T^{-1}[F_3, T], \\
\Delta(H_1) &= H_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 - T^{-2}) \otimes (H_1 + H_2 + H_3), \\
\Delta(H_2) &= H_2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_2, \\
\Delta(H_3) &= H_3 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_3 - \frac{1}{2}(1 - T^{-2}) \otimes (H_1 + H_2 + H_3).
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

In the (fund.)  $\otimes$  (arb.) representation, the  $R_\hbar = (\pi_{(fund.)} \otimes \pi_{(arb.)})\mathcal{R}_\hbar$  take the following simple form:

$$R_\hbar = \begin{pmatrix} T & 2\hbar T^{-1/2}e_{24} & 2\hbar T^{-1/2}e_{34} & -\frac{\hbar}{2}(T + T^{-1})(h_1 + h_2 + h_3) + \frac{\hbar}{2}(T - T^{-1}) \\ 0 & I & 0 & -2\hbar T^{1/2}e_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & I & -2\hbar T^{1/2}e_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & T^{-1} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{37}$$

**Proposition 7** *The universal  $\mathcal{R}_\hbar$ -matrix for  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(4))$  may be cast in the form:*

$$\mathcal{R}_\hbar = \mathcal{F}_{21}^{-1} \mathcal{F}, \tag{38}$$

where

$$\mathcal{F} = \exp\left(\hbar T H_{14} \otimes E_{14}\right) \exp\left(2\hbar T E_{34} \otimes T^{-2} E_{13} + 2\hbar T E_{24} \otimes T^{-2} E_{12}\right), \tag{39}$$

$$E_{14} = \hbar^{-1} \ln T = \hbar^{-1} \operatorname{arcsinh} \hbar e_{14}. \tag{40}$$

The  $\mathcal{R}_\hbar$ -matrix (38) coincides with the universal  $\mathcal{R}$ -matrix of the Borel subalgebra. Let us just note that the tensor elements  $T E_{34} \otimes T^{-2} E_{13}$  and  $T E_{24} \otimes T^{-2} E_{12}$  commute.

## 4 $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(N))$ : Generalization

The  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(5))$  algebra is derived in a similar way: The elements  $E_2, E_3, F_2, F_3, H_2, H_3$  are not affected by the nonstandard quantization. From these above studies, It is easy to see that:

**Proposition 8** *The Jordanian quantization deform  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(N))$ 's Chevalley generators as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= \hbar[e_1, [e_2, \dots, [e_{N-2}, e_{N-1}] \dots]] + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2([e_1, [e_2, \dots, [e_{N-2}, e_{N-1}] \dots]])^2}, \\
T^{-1} &= -\hbar[e_1, [e_2, \dots, [e_{N-2}, e_{N-1}] \dots]] + \sqrt{1 + \hbar^2([e_1, [e_2, \dots, [e_{N-2}, e_{N-1}] \dots]])^2}, \\
E_i &= T^{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})/2} e_i, \\
F_i &= T^{-(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})/2} \left( f_i + \frac{\hbar}{2} T[f_i, [e_1, [e_2, \dots, [e_{N-2}, e_{N-1}] \dots]](h_1 + \dots + h_{N-1}) \right) \\
H_i &= h_i - \frac{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})\hbar}{2} [e_1, [e_2, \dots, [e_{N-2}, e_{N-1}] \dots]] T^{-1}(h_1 + \dots + h_{N-1}) \quad (41)
\end{aligned}$$

( $i = 1, \dots, N-1$ ) and they satisfy the commutation relations

$$\begin{aligned}
[H_i, H_j] &= 0, \\
[H_i, E_j] &= a_{ij} E_j, \\
[H_i, F_j] &= -a_{ij} F_j + (\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1}) T^{-1}[F_j, T](H_1 + \dots + H_{N-1}), \\
[T^{-(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})} E_i, F_j] &= \delta_{ij} \left( T^{-(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})} H_i + \frac{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})}{2} (T - T^{-1})(H_1 + \dots + H_{N-1}) \right), \\
[E_i, E_j] &= 0, \quad |i - j| > 1, \\
[T^{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})} F_i, T^{(\delta_{j1} + \delta_{j, N-1})} F_j] &= 0, \quad |i - j| > 1, \\
(ad E_i)^{1-a_{ij}}(E_j) &= 0, \quad (i \neq j), \\
(ad T^{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})} F_i)^{1-a_{ij}}(T^{(\delta_{j1} + \delta_{j, N-1})} F_j) &= 0, \quad (i \neq j), \quad (42)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $(a_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,N}$  is the Cartan matrix of  $sl(N)$ , i.e.  $a_{ii} = 2$ ,  $a_{i,i\pm 1} = -1$  and  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $|i - j| > 1$ .

The algebra (42) is called the *Jordanian quantum algebra*  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(N))$ . The expressions (41) may be regarded as a particular nonlinear realization of the  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(N))$  generators.

**Proposition 9** *The Jordanian algebra  $\mathcal{U}_\hbar(sl(N))$  (42) admits the following coalgebra structure:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(E_i) &= E_i \otimes 1 + T^{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})} \otimes E_i, \\
\Delta(F_i) &= F_i \otimes 1 + T^{-(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})} \otimes F_i + T(H_1 + \dots + H_{N-1}) \otimes T^{-1}[F_i, T], \\
\Delta(H_i) &= H_i \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_i - \frac{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})}{2} (1 - T^{-2}) \otimes (H_1 + \dots + H_{N-1}), \\
S(E_i) &= -T^{-(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})} E_i, \\
S(F_i) &= -T^{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})} F_i + T^2(H_1 + \dots + H_{N-1}) T^{-2}[F_i, T], \\
S(H_i) &= -H_i + \frac{(\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i, N-1})}{2} (1 - T^2)(H_1 + \dots + H_{N-1}), \\
\epsilon(E_i) &= \epsilon(F_i) = \epsilon(H_i) = 0. \quad (43)
\end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 10** *The  $\mathcal{R}_h$ -matrix of  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$  has the following general form:*

$$\mathcal{R}_h = \mathcal{F}_{21}^{-1} \mathcal{F}, \quad (44)$$

where

$$\mathcal{F} = \exp\left(hTH_{1N} \otimes E_{1N}\right) \exp\left(\sum_{k=2}^{N-1} 2hTE_{kN} \otimes T^{-2}E_{1k}\right), \quad (45)$$

$$H_{1N} = T(H_1 + \cdots H_{N-1}), \quad (46)$$

$$E_{1N} = h^{-1} \ln T = h^{-1} \operatorname{arcsinh} h e_{1N}, \quad (47)$$

$$E_{kN} = [E_k, [\cdots, [E_{N-2}, E_{N-1}]]], \quad k = 2, \cdots, N-2, \quad (48)$$

$$E_{N-1,N} = E_{N-1}, \quad (49)$$

$$E_{12} = E_1, \quad (50)$$

$$E_{1k} = [E_1, [\cdots, [E_{k-2}, E_{k-1}]]], \quad k = 3, \cdots, N-1 \quad (51)$$

and may be obtained from the  $\mathcal{R}_q$ -matrix associated to  $\mathcal{U}_q(sl(N))$  via the contraction procedure discussed above, i.e.

$$\mathcal{R}_h = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \left[ E_q \left( \frac{h\hat{e}_{1N}}{q-1} \right) \otimes E_q \left( \frac{h\hat{e}_{1N}}{q-1} \right) \right]^{-1} \mathcal{R}_q \left[ E_q \left( \frac{h\hat{e}_{1N}}{q-1} \right) \otimes E_q \left( \frac{h\hat{e}_{1N}}{q-1} \right) \right]. \quad (52)$$

It is interesting to note that, via the nonlinear map (41), the  $h$ -deformed generators  $(E_i, F_i, H_i)$  may be also equipped with an induced co-commutative coproduct. Similarly, the undeformed generators  $(e_i, f_i, h_i)$ , via the inverse map, may be viewed as elements of the  $\mathcal{U}_h(sl(N))$  algebra; and, thus, may be endowed with an induced noncommutative coproduct.

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